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IndicatorAMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner of Patents  
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Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed April 10, 2000, please amend the application as follows:

In the Claims

Cancel claims 12 and 51-62.

Add new claims 63-80 as follows:

- 1 <sup>12</sup> 63. A battery having a battery strength indicator comprising:  
2 a nonrechargeable dry cell battery having a first terminal and a second terminal;  
3 a battery strength indicator formed in a layer attached to a side of said battery  
4 which undergoes a visible change when subject to a predetermined voltage  
5 output of said battery, said battery strength indicator having:  
6 A) a dielectric layer;  
7 B) a conductive layer above or below the dielectric layer, one end of said  
8 conductive layer adapted to be electrically connected to the first battery  
9 terminal;